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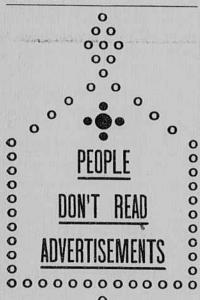
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FLOCKING TO THE JUNTA

Five More of the Government Fleet Go

Over to the Revolting Province of BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 19. - Latest advices from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil,

says that additional towns in that state have gone over to the side of the Provisional Junta. Among them are San-tinoel, San Lius, Parana and Cruzalta.

The enlistment of infantry and cav-alry among the people of Porto Alegre, the capitol of Rio Grande do Sul, is actively carried on.

Five of the government fleet are re-

ported to have given their adhesion to the Junta, which has adopted as its

flag a white and red globe.

With the exception of the Rio Grande do Sul, all the states of Brazil are tranquil. There does not appear to be the least truth in reports of revolt in Para.

The Next Consistory. ROME. Nov. 19.—|Special|—The Pope has fixed the date for the next papal consistory for December 1.

Actor Florence Dead.

# COMMITTED TO A THIRD PARTY.

Jerry Simpson Railroads a Resolution.

Alliance Congressmen Instructed to Keer Out of Party Caucuses-Livingstone, of Georgia, Declares That He Will Act as a Democrat in Spite of the Alliance-The Factions No Nearer Together on the Sub-treasury Question.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 19 .- | Special |-Taken as a whole, the Alliance has not been very successful in preserving the secreey of its proceedings. But one point in yesterday's proceedings escaped the press till an early hour this morning. That point was the committal of the supreme council to the third party movement. This came about through the adoption of a resolution offered by Jerry Simpson, instructing the Alliance members of Congress not to enter party canvasses. Colonel Livingston, of Georgia, protested against its adoption, saying he was elected as a Democrat and proposed to act with that party, whether the Alliance liked it or not.

Among the mass of minor resolutions presented there came up something in the way of a fire-brand in a series of resolutions offered by J. M. Branch, delegate-at-large from Georgia. They were political in their nature, and were the result of much consultation among certain of the Alliance leaders opposed to Livingstone. These resoluopposed to Livingstone. These resolu-tions declared that a large number of men had been elected to Congress by the Alliance votes, and demanded that they support no man for Speaker who would not first declare for the Alliance platform.

They further declared it the sense of the body that these Congressmen should nominate one of their own number for the body that these Congressmen should nominate one of their own number for the Speakership and stick to him. They further admonished the Alliance men throughout the country to beware of committing themselves to any party in such a manner as to interfere with their freedom of political action, or of taking any position in favor of men or parties not in sympathy with Alliance principles.

When they were introduced they were loudly cheered by the supporters of Polk. Branch asked that they be referred to the committee on demands, evidently knowing what the makeup of that committee would be. Another more zealous delegate moved the suspension of the rules in order to put the resolutions on their passage.

Livingstone opposed this in a very vehement speech, denouncing it as a third party scheme, and said it was inspired largely by personal enmity against himself.

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tions, and when the committees were announced at 6 o'clock it became evident nounced at 6 o'clock it became evident that this committee, with Weaver, of Iowa, at the head of it, was packed with radicals. It will undoubtedly report favorably on the resolutions.

An effort to make the platform of the Alliance more radical on the subject of Government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines was made by Branch. This resolution demands the complete ownership of railroads, while the Ocala demand is for partial control, with contingent ownership if simple control is deemed impractical.

The resolutions went to the committee on legislative demands, and the prospects are that they will be favorably reported on.

ported on.

This morning the sub-treasury fight

representatives of the anti-sub-treas-ury element, rose and said that his

committee was ready to report.

Instantly there was a disturbance.
On motion from a delegate sitting on the McCune side of the house, a canvass of those present was made and every one not entitled to vote in the executive session was obliged to leave the hall.

When the doors had been closed, blonel Livingstone read the recommendation of the committee that Dr. W. Pope Yeamans, another of the antisub-treasury protesters, should have a

hearing.
After an acrimonions discussion word was sent to the anti-sub-treasury men to send in their protest. The "antis" replied to this that the committee was only empowered, through Mr. Yoamans, to present a protest, and until Yeamans could be heard by the supreme council the latter body would necessarily be deprived of the pleasure of reading the

The third party junta is still vigorously proselytyzing among delegates to the Alliance and F. M. B. A.

This morning the work of the organization took definite shape on the joint

meeting of representatives from the Peoples' party executive committee, Alliance and F. M. B. A.
F. H. Taubeneck, of Illinois, acted as chairman and made an earnest appeal for consolidation of interests at the dinner recess dinner recess.

Taubeneck said the prospect for consolidation was very bright, that the F. M. B. A., was heartly in favor of such action, but the Alliance was opposed to it, though he thought the latter body would eventually fall into line, contrary

to popular impression.

The fight against the National Union Company was inaugurated afresh by the reform press association this morn-ing, which sent a committee to the su-preme council of the Alliance to protest against the action of the business agents' association as taken yesterday, awarding the contract for furnishing the Alliance stores with supplies to the National Union Company.

## THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Wilson, of West Virginia, the Dark Horse in the Race.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 .- The smoke of the battle for the Speakership has begun to ascend. It will become dense from this time on, and from present appearances it will be no easy matter to predict upon whose standard victory will alight. It is believed by the experienced that not more than one-half, if so many, of the Democratic members have committed themselves to any particular aspirant by definite pledges. The fact that there are half a dozen candidates in the field adds to the doubts of the situation, for if they are able to draw off from the two principal aspirants any considerable following in the aggregate, the opportunity may be opened for shrewd management to run in some dark horse, or, as has several times happened, a slate may be fixed up for all the principal offices and a deal made by which it may be pushed through.

Logically, Mr. Mills should be the next Speaker, but he certainly has a tremendous fight before him. As usual the correspondents of Republican newspaners assume to know all about the the correspondents of Republican newspapers assume to know all about the wishes and intentions of various prominent Democrats in this connection, chief among whom are Mr. Cleveland and Senator Gorman. Both of these gentlemen are credited with active sympathy with the canvass of Mr. Mills. Senator Gorman probably has his personal preferences for the Speakership, as he and all other Democrats have an unbounded right to a

Speaker, for he speaker, for the Speaker, for the speaker, for the speaker, for he he speaker, for he he speaker. Speaker, for he knows if an incorporation of a specific speaker. man is put into the chair it will not help Democratic prospects next year, but any one who imagines he is going to express any opinion to be used for the benefit of this or that man is very

innocent
In regard to the dark horses in the In regard to the dark horses in the race for the Speakership, Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, is thought by his friends to be in most favorable condition. He has everything in his favor and nothing against him. The great Pennsylvania Democrat, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, who has gone to his last home, had this to say of him in writing under the date of January 25, 1887: "Wilson was a very valuable man on the appropriation committee. I do not know whether his appointment to ways the appropriation committee. I do not know whether his appointment to ways and means is his own wish or not Be that as it may, I am sorry to lose him. In my judgment he is the clearestheaded man, with one exception, that West Virginia has sent to the House. Mr. Wilson and Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey, are two men who have a useful career before them. You are entirely right when you say that good sense, industry and ability are required to make a useful representative. I would add this: Keep a cool head and a close eye upon the other side. Jefferson believed in eternal vigilance. So do I."

This morning the sub-treasury fight was the all-absorbing matter before the Alliance and its kindred organizations. It seems very little nearer solution than when the conference began.

The anti-sub-treasury men are active and aggressive, while the sub-treasury people have been placed to a large extent on the defensive.

Soon after the opening of this morning's executive session of the supreme council, Col. Livingstone, chairman of the committee which last night met the An entire family was suffocated by gas man and her two sons, l'eter and New ton, both grown, retired for the night and left the gas burning at high pressure in the stove. Somehow the draft was imperfect and the blaze was extinguished during the night. The gas guished during the night. The gas poured into the room and asphyxiated

poured into the room and asphyxiated the whole family.

Their condition was not discovered until a late hour in the morning, when a neighbor called and tried to get in. The doors were locked, but peering through the window the lifeless body of Newton the wanteest was seen bline. through the window the lifeless body of Newton, the youngest, was seen lying in bed. The doors were broken open and Mrs. Hoffman and her older son taken out into the air and a physician bastily summoned. After working with them for an hour or two animation returned but they cannot live returned, but they cannot live. The younger boy was dead when dis-

I. O. O. F. in West Virginia.

KINGWOOD, W. Va., Nov. 19 .- The grand encampment I. O. O. F. elected the following officers to-day: Grand patriarch, C. R. Smith, Wheeling; grand high priest, P. A. Hiehlo, Park-ersburg; grand senior warden, Frank Reighter, Grafton; grand junior warden, R. S. Hollis, Rowlesburg; grand scribe, H. Authman, Wheeling; grand treas-urer, Henry Seaman, Wheeling; grand representative, A. C. Holly, Independ-ence. The Daughters of Rebekah elected the following officers: Presi-dent Mrs. Stout. Grafton, who seed dent, Mrs. Stout, Grafton; vice-president, Mrs. Fawcett, Kingwood; secretary, Q. V. Rothman, Martinsburg; treasurer, R. B. L. Tuppett, Kingwood.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 .- [Special]-G. Henry Stratton, one of the dozen men who began a fasting contest in the Fourteenth street museum, and who outlasted all the others and was taken to Bellevue hospital on Tuesday in an exhausted condition, died this morning.

# THE DEBT CAN BE SETTLED.

The Olcott Committee and State Commission Agree.

The Basis Not Known, but It is Understood That the Committee Came With a Leoposition \$2,000,000 Lower Than the Last Offer—All the Conferences

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 19 .- [Special]-The State debt commission and the Olcott committee, of New York, the latter representing the holders of Virginia bonds, who have been in conference here several days upon a plan of settlement, have come to an agreement.

While the exact basis of the agreement is not known it is understood that the general basis of the proposition the committee came here with this time was \$2,000,000 less than that submitted in June last, but whether there has been any reduction in the modified figures of the committee cannot be learned. The commission have not been in favor of secret sessions, but have had to respect the position of the committee.

### ASPER KEPT ACCOUNTS.

Complete Record of His Depredations Found in His House.

WYTHEVILLE, Nov. 19 .- [Special]-Mr. James Cassell returned from Newbern to-day with a horse stolen from him nearly a year ago. The horse which had been sold to the party in Newbern, in whose possession Mr. Cassell found

in whose possession Mr. Cassell found him, was traced to the man Asper, who has been implicated before in the recent horse stealing which has been going on in the Southwest.

During the investigation Asper's house was searched and a book found in which Asper has registered in a very businesslike way a description of the various horses he had stolen, with the dates on which they were taken and the names of the various parties from whom they were stolen.

Asper is said to have said when the book was shown to him that there was no use in his denying it any longer and that he had been making a business of horse stealing for some time. He is also said to have implicated George Carter, of l'ulaski city, who was tried in Newbern before a justice several days ago for implication in horse stealing and acquitted.

# TO IMPROVE SAVANNAH RIVER.

An Enthusiastic Meeting Held at Angusta Yesterday.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 19 .- | Special |-The Savannah river convention, composed of representative delegates from Augusta, Savannah, Atlanta and counties adjacent to the river on the Georgia side and from Abbeville, Port Royal, Anderson and adjacent counties in Carolina, met at the Augusta Exposition to-day.

President Patrick Walsh presided over the convention, and an address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by Hon. John S. Davidson exposition

by Hon. John S. Davidson, ex-president of the Georgia senate.

The convention was unanimous and earnest in the conviction that Savannah river was entitled to better treatment at the hands of the Federal Government and that a stream of such importance. and that a stream of such importance should be made thoroughly navigable at all seasons.

It was decided to send a delegation to Washington to urge the matter upon Congress, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

# OFF FOR CINCINNATI.

President Pugh Has Forty Members of the

BIG STONE GAP, Nov. 19 .- [Special]-Forty members of the Virginia Press Association, in charge of President Pugh, of The Times, arrived here to-day, en route to Cincinnati. They were wined and dired from Bristol by the S. A. O. Railroad Company, and were the guests here of the Appalachinn club. They left for Cincinnati at 6 p. m. on the L. and N. They were given an ovation everywhere.

Pension for Mrs. Jefferson Davis. RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 19.-Mrs. Jef-

ferson Davis and her daughter, Miss Winnie, left the city to-day for Memphis, Tenn. The Richmond Despatch to-morrow in an editorial on Mrs. Davis will say: "The Southern States ought to vote a pension to Mrs. Jefferson Davis, and Virginia should lead the movement. It is nothing but fair and proper that we should put her upon the same footing that the United States Government Government places the widows of its Presidents. The duty devolves upon the States that composed the Confederacy, as the Confederacy is a thing of the past. It cannot be a very certly of the past. It cannot be a very costly precedent for us, inasmuch as there never will be another Confederacy, and, therefore, never another widow of a Confederate president."

# Barn and Contents Burned

Woodstock, Va , Nov. 19.—A large barn, owned by Mr. Hiram Zirkle, of near Quicksburg, this county, was destroyed by fire Monday night, along with four good work horses, a fine colt, two cows, all his gearing, 150 bushels of wheat, ten tons of hay, a binder, several wagons and other implements. The loss will be about \$3,000; insur-

Forecast for Virginia: Warmer; south winds and fair weather; warmer and probably fair Saturday.

# SMALL POX IN GEORGIA.

Surgeon White Reports a Bad State of Affairs.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19 - [Special |- Surgeon General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, received a telegram this morning from Surgeon J. H. White, who was sent to take charge of the small pox epidemic at Harris Neck, Ga.

Neck, Ga.

He makes the following report: "Total cases, 85; deaths, 13; convalescent, 30; 42 still active, with probably more yet to be found. Fifteen houses are known to be infected. So far there have been nineteen cases in one two-room house.

"There is an awful overcrowding and destitution. I saw three families, ten persons each, almost starving. The population of the infected district is between 600 and 900. Three hundred have been vaccinated recently.

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"I have employed six men temporarily as watchmen and to feed the destitute. One of these, a local magistrate of influence with colored people, is in the ge until I return. I employed one female nurse and bought two days' rations.

"Many of the houses are old and rotten and filled with the accumulated filth of years. There is absolutely no railroad or steamboat communication." Surgeon General Wyman said to-day that prompt and complete measures will be taken to stamp out the epidemic.

### MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Frank Almy Sentenced to Hang the First Tuesday in December.

Раумоцти, N. H., Nov. 19.-[Special]-A verdict of murder in the first degree was to-day rendered in the case of Frank Almy, on trial for murdering Christie Warden. Almy was sentenced to bang the first Tuesday in December, 1892. The case has excited a great deal of attention. The murder was admitted, but Almy's counsel tried to get him off with murder in the second degree.

### MARYLAND'S NEW SENATOR.

Ex-Representative Gibson to Fill the Vacancy Caused by Wilson's Death. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 .- [Special] -Governor Jackson, of Maryland, to-day orally tendered to Ex-Representative Charles H. Gibson, in this city, his appointment to be United States Senator from Maryland until the legislature fills the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Wilson. Mr. Gibson accepted the offer, and his formal appointment is expected in due course.

# Cotton Guilty of Manslaughter.

DUBLIN, Nov. 19. - [Special |- The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the case of Rev. Samuel G. Cotton, who was charged with having caused the death of a boy named Brown, an inmate of the Carogh orphanage, in Kildare, to-day returned a verdict declaring that the boy's death was caused by ill treatment at the hands of Cotton, and that Cotton was guilty of manslaughter. The jury also expressed their regret that they could not include Mrs. Cotton in their findings.

# Married in a Hurricane.

CUMBERLAND, Nov. 19 .- A romantic wedding has just occured at Oldtown. On Tuesday, in a big snow storm, Miss Lydia E. Carder and Mr. James Wm. Lydia E. Carder and Mr. James Wm. Walson, both of West Virginia, were wedded by Rev. R. Kolk, of Pawpaw. W. Va. The ceremony was performed on an island in the Potomac, near Oldtown. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane, and the snow fell thick and fast. The bride wore a white cloth costume, with boanet and gloves to match.

Influenza In France.

Paris, Nov. 19 .- [Special]-Influenza has reappeared in many places in the southwestern part of France, and the disease is of a very severe type. In Paris, too, the disease has claimed a number of victims.

At Bordeaux and towns and villages

in the neighborhood influenza is par-ticularly severe, and a large number of deaths have resulted from it, chiefly among the old and feeble.

# Ashore in Hatterns Inlet.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 19.-[Special]-The three-masted schooner, John H. Cannon, Captain Harrison, of Seaford, from Georgetown, S. C., to Balti-more, with lumber consigned to Kir-win & Brother, dragged ashore and lost anchor and chain yesterday inside Hat-teras Inlet. The vessel was floated, but leaks 1,000 strokes an hour, and will be towed to Norfolk.

# An Orphanage Burned.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 19 .- | Special |- The Presbyterian Orphan Asylum at Barium Springs, thirty-five miles above here, was burned this afterabove here, was burned this after-noon. The fire originated from a de-fective flue. The children all escaped unhart and are being cared for in Statesville.

# The Episcopal Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19 .- | Special |- Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky. presided over the third day's session of the Episcopal Congress. The subject was "New and Old Parochial Methods." Papers were read by Rev. Dr. G. W. Shinn, of Newton, Mass, and Rev. Dr. E. A. Bradley, of Brooklyn.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Nov. 19 .- There is some probability of there being a threecornered fight in the election of a successor in Congress to the late Gen. W. H. F. Lee. The solution of the prob-lem seems to rest in the attitude of

May Be a Three-cornered Fight.

# ARGUING THE WATKINS CASE.

### A Verdict Likely to be Reached To-day.

The Prosecution Rests Its Case With Ben Wright's Testimony—The Evidence for the Defense Very Meager-Major Balfard Opens the Argument for the State-M. G. McClung Speaks in the Prisoner's Defense.

ROANOKE TIMES BUREAU, DILLARD & PERSINGER BLDG., SALEM, VA., Nov. 19.

Upon the reassembling of the court. Commonwealth's Attorney Ballard rather took it by surprise when he stated that the prosecution did not propose to call any more witnesses, but would rest the case here.

Lawyer Pugh then asked for a few Lawyer Pugh then asked for a few moments' private conversation with the prisoner, and this being granted, Messrs. Pugh and Moffet, accompanied by Charles and the deputy sheriff, ascended to one of the jury rooms, where they were closeted together for about twenty minutes. Upon their return Addie Anderson,

THE DELINQUENT WITNESS.

THE DELINQUENT WITNESS, whom the judge and the sheriff fetched from Roanoke Monday morning, was then sworn and took her place on the stand. She said she was well acquainted with Charles, being his first cousin. Her home was at Gum Spring, but she worked in Roanoke. Recollected the dead body being found on Tuesday evening between 4 and 5; saw the body between 5 and 6; was at Taylor Watkin's that day, got there about noon. Conversed with Lucy Watkins about the body, and asked Lucy did Charles bring a woman with him on the night before, to which she replied, "No. God in Heaven knows he did not bring her with him." Addie was slightly crossexamined by prosecution and then told to stand aside.

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Prof. O. L. Stearnes, who stated that his present occupation was that of real estate operator, but had taught for three years at Alleghany Institute and was a graduate of Richmond College, was next introduced to show that Ben Wright could not identify Charles Watkin's handwriting, not having seen him write for ten years, but as the professor stated that he was not an expert on penmanship, the prosecution objected to his statement being taken and was sustained by the court.

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TAYLOR WATKINS WAS RECALLED for cross-examination, and in answer to Mr. Pugh's questions, replied that he could not tell what time on that Tuesday moring he arrived at Pierpoint's brick yard, but Nelson Noel was there when he got there, and to the best of his recollection he told him that Charles and Ida were at his house the night before.

night before.
"That will do," said Attorney Pugh.
"May it please your honor, we rest our case here."

At this juncture the jury filed out in charge of the sheriff, Mr. Rhodes, one of the twelve, suffering intensely from cramp. They returned in about fifteen minutes, and after some time spent by the counsel in agreeing upon the instructions to be asked for by the defense, Commonwealth's Attorney Ballard at 12:15 commenced

After complimenting the judge upon pressing forward the case he alluded to the responsibility of the counsel in the discharge of their respective duties, and of the jury in giving the prisoner justice. He then commenced recapitulating the history of the crime from the 6th of last April, when great excitement was caused by the finding of the body of the murdered woman in an isolated hollow on the lonely mountain side, about three miles from this place, and every one was asking who could have committed this terrible deed. With a unanimity unparalleled, Charles Wat-HIS SPEECH FOR THE PROSECUTION. nanimity unparalleled. Charles Watkins was pronounced by every one to be

After having explained to the jury the law regarding the finding a man guilty of first degree and that of second degree murder, the Major said that the testimony showed first, that the de-ceased died from the effects of a wound or wounds, and, second, that this wound was unlawfully inflicted, and that the defendant was implicated in

the crime. He then showed that the evidence of the surgeons who performed the autopsy described the wounds on the head, and that they testified that either of those wounds was sufficient to cause death. As to who inflicted those

wounds. CHARLES WAS THE LAST MAN charles was the Last man seen with her, only a few minutes before her death, in close proximity to the place where her body was found. From this the speaker reverted to the Saturday night when the woman first made her appearance at Ben Wright's and then reviewed the well known visit of George Washington on Sunday in Roanoke to show

oke to show CHARLES' REAL MORIVE

in wishing to rid himself of his lawful wife Susan, for he could not brook the thought that she should come between him and the woman he now loved and

him and the woman he now loved and lived with.

From Roanoke the Major showed by the testimony of the different witnesses that Charles and Susan could be traced on to the dummy to Salem, where they were seen on the street, and then was proceeding to quote Miss Fanny Coxe's remarks from the report published in THE ROANOKE TIMES of Wednesday, when counsel for the defense objected, and the court requested the Major to quote from his own notes, and then, as it was after the usual dinner hour, the court took an hour's recess. court took an hour's recess

# THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:15 the judge and jury returned to the courthouse, and the slok juror, Rhodes, was permitted to recline on a

Major Ballard took up the thread !

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19-|Special]-W. J. Florence, the actor, died shortly An autopsy will be held to determine the cause of death. after 9 o'clock to-night. the A'liance men.